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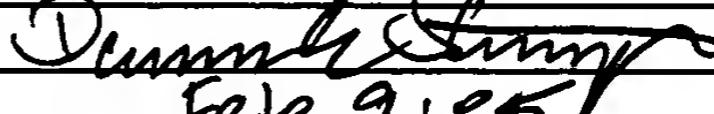
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TITLE OF INVENTION: EXPANDED POROUS THERMOPLASTIC POLYMER MEMBRANES AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

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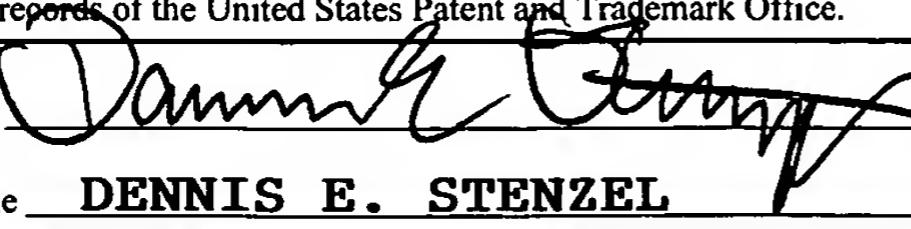
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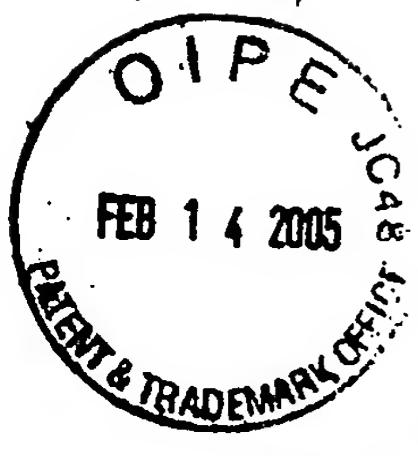
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